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At the October meeting of the executive committee it was decided to secure the strongest obtainable arguments both for and against the enlargement of the United States navy, and to send a copy to each of our vice-presidents, directors and chairmen of committees requesting that they give thought to the matter, and be prepared at an early date to express an opinion concerning what attitude, if any, the Society ought to take toward this question. A luncheon has been arranged for this purpose at the City Club on December 3. Open discussion will take place, and it is expected that a decision will be reached as to whether or not the Society should take a definite stand in the matter.

We are pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a beautiful embroidered silk banner from the Japan Commercial Commissioners, whom the Society entertained at luncheon during their visit to the United States last year. This is being appropriately framed and will be hung in our office.

We are also pleased to acknowledge recent liberal contributions to the current work of the Society from Miss Grace H. Dodge, Mr. Felix M. Warburg, Mr. Francis Lynde Stetson and Mr. Henry Phipps of New York City, and Mr. Samuel Mather of Cleveland, Ohio.

Peace Day in the Churches.

Appeal for the Observance of Peace Sunday.

The following appeal for the observance of Peace Sunday (December 18) in the churches of the nation has been sent to all the important religious journals of the country. The indications are that there will be a much larger observance of the day this year than ever before:

"The time has clearly come when people of every name and creed, of every race and nation, should heartily unite in efforts to bring about the fulfillment of the ancient prophecy, 'Peace on earth and goodwill to men.'

"All the nations, especially all the nations of Christendom, are in closer touch with each other than at any previous time in the world's history. They are bound together by multiplied commercial ties, by rapid transit of various kinds on sea and land, by electric wires that span the continents, reach all islands and rest secure on the beds of the oceans. Most wonderful of all, they are bound together by that strangest and most remarkable of all inventions, the wireless telegraph.

"Surely it is high time that we should all unite in a supreme effort to find a better way of settling international contentions and disagreements than by the wicked waste of untold wealth and the wholesale slaughter of human beings.

"In such a crisis as this, when the movement for world arbitration and peace has made such enormous progress both among the masses of people and in the governments themselves, the religious press, the clergy of every Christian church, all leaders of religious organizations and all patriots and philanthropists, ought most cordially to unite, and with earnest, persistent and wisely-directed efforts strive, in all legitimate ways, to bring about a condition of affairs that shall eventually make wars between the nations an utter impossibility, and put a stop to this present irrational and burdensome rivalry in armaments.

"To this end we most respectfully urge the clergy of all the Christian churches, and the leaders of all other religious organizations, to observe the third Sunday of December of each year as Peace Sunday, or some other Sunday if this is not convenient, and in song and prayer and reading of the Scriptures, and especially in the sermon, to advocate the abolition of war and the substitution of imperative, universal arbitration, and thus secure world-wide peace; and so fill the world with security, comfort and permanent deliverance from the terrible sufferings and the awful destruction of life and property incident to all wars.

"Sincerely hoping that you may lend your valuable assistance and effective coöperation, we remain

"Very truly yours,

"(Signed)

"James L. Barton, Secretary of the American Board, Boston; Arthur J. Brown, Secretary of the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Board, New York; Russell H. Conwell, the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia; Earl Cranston, Bishop of the M. E. Church, Washington; Charles F. Dole, First Unitarian Society, Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Samuel T. Dutton, Secretary of the New York Peace Society; O. P. Fitzgerald, Bishop of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville; James Cardinal Gibbons, Baltimore; Willard F. Mallalieu, Bishop of the M. E. Church, Auburndale, Mass.; Benjamin F. Trueblood, Secretary of the American Peace Society."

New Books.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW. By H. Campbell Black, M.A. Third edition. Hornbook Series. West Publishing Company: St. Paul, Minn. Price, $3.75.

This standard work on constitutional law, now quoted with Cooley and Story, has been steadily growing in favor for fifteen years. Written in clear, straightforward English, no other book on the subject is more readable. Arranged in the style of the Hornbook series, the statements of rules being in heavy letters, the amplifications in ordinary text, with key references to the principal reporting and digest systems, none is more available for ready reference. The book is adapted as an outline for lectures in colleges and law schools. The new edition embodies the changes that the progress of the times has made in national legislation. These embrace questions relating to the development of government by commissions with delegated powers, social and labor reforms, and the insular possessions of the United States.

A HISTORY OF CANADA, 1763–1812. By Sir C. P. Lucas, K. C. M. G., C. B. Oxford: Clarendon Press. 1909. 360 pages. Cloth, 12s. 6d. net

For the student of American-Canadian relations, and particularly for friends of the peace movement who are beginning to make their historical preparation for the proposed celebration of the One Hundred Years' Peace between the United States and Great Britain, this work will serve as an excellent foundation. It takes up the political situation in Canada, when, by the treaty of Paris, 1763, it came under the Dominion of Great Britain, describes the relation of Canada to the American colonies